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# Bulletin

## HARDING COLLEGE

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## Pat Boone to Open Graduation with Baccalaureate

Graduation activities at Harding will begin with Pat Boone as baccalaureate speaker in the college auditorium Sunday, May 28, at 8:00 p.m. Boone is recognized not only as a popular singer and actor but also, and most importantly, as a devoted Christian servant who is always anxious to be as helpful as possible to the church and Christian education.

### Busy Christian Servant

In addition to leading song services when visiting over the nation, Pat frequently fills in for an absent preacher with forceful sermons. While a student at Columbia University, where he graduated magna cum laude, Boone substituted for Burton Coffman in the pulpit many times in addition to sharing song leading with his brother and others.

A member of the board of Northeast Institute for Christian Education, he assigned royalties from his latest book, "Between You, Me, and the Gatepost," to the school in Villanova, Pa. His latest Dot record, soon to be released, was recorded with the Abilene Chorus. Maximum royalties from this group of hymns have been assigned to ACC.

### Dixon Graduate Speaker

Graduation exercises, with something over 140 persons receiving degrees, will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 1. H. A. Dixon, president of Freed-Hardeman College will be the speaker. Dixon, a graduate of University of Alabama, served churches at Martin, Tenn., Springfield, Mo., Jackson, Tenn., Tuscaloosa and

Florence, Ala., before becoming Freed-Hardeman president in 1950.

He spent a week in Searcy in March speaking each morning in college chapel and each evening at the College Church of Christ. Any time he is on the Harding campus he naturally feels at home because more than one out of twenty Harding students previously attended Freed-Hardeman.

In addition to awarding of honorary degrees, which are not announced ahead of time, the second annual Distinguished Alumnus Award will be presented as part of the Commencement program.

### Scholarships Received

Among Harding's 1961 graduates, 15 have already gained fellowships, assistantships or scholarships for graduate study elsewhere.

The Bulletin previously announced the award of a U. S. Public Health Research Assistantship in Biochemistry to Gary Ackers for work at Johns Hopkins University.

Fourteen others have since been notified of graduate scholarship aid. They are:

Gary W. Aday, graduate assistantship in English at University of Florida.

Myra Dasher Anderson, graduate assistantship in chemistry at Missouri School of Mines.

Richard W. Anderson, graduate assistantship in chemistry at University of Colorado.

Bennis H. Curtis, graduate assistantship in mathematics at Purdue University.

C. Keith Floyd, graduate assistantship in speech correction, Pennsylvania State University.

Charles B. Griffin, graduate assistantship in chemistry, University of Kansas.

C. James Lovelace, graduate assistantship in plant physiology, Utah State University.

John W. Milton, graduate assistantship in mathematics, Louisiana State University.

Sylvester Overturf, graduate assistantship in political science, Kansas State University.

W. Curry Peacock, graduate assistantship in political science, University of Florida.

Dean B. Priest, graduate assistantship in mathematics, University of Mississippi.

Shirley Sisco, tutorship award in piano, North Texas State College.

Paul C. Summitt, tuition scholarship in Law, Duke University.

John (Rip) Vanwinkle, graduate assistantship in mathematics, Kansas State University.

### Twenty Honor Students

Twenty students are graduating with honors — three summa cum laude, three magna cum laude and 14 cum laude.

Joan Lyon, Myra Dasher Anderson and Richard W. Anderson graduate summa cum laude. Bennis H. Curtis, Bob H. Jones and John W. Milton earned magna cum laude honors.

Those graduating cum laude are Thomas D. Brister, Doris Brooks, Gerald W. Casey, Sara Good, Charles B. Griffin, Rebecca Heffington, Janice Johnson, Sylvester Overturf, Donna Adams Roberson, Neal Stotts, Paul Summitt, Jane Tullis, Eugene Underwood and Almon Williams.

A Scene from Last Year's Graduation





# Howell Crowned May Queen; Claypool Gets P. J. Diadem

May is the month of queens at Harding. In traditional May Day ceremonies, held on April 29 due to the calendar break, Helen Howell, junior elementary education major from Carlsbad, N. M., was crowned Queen of May. Carolyn Hall from Clarksville and Ann Berryhill of Searcy served as attendants. Both are also elementary education majors.

On May 16, at the unveiling of the 1961 Petit Jean yearbook, Georgie Claypool, junior English major from Lockwood, Mo., received the Petit Jean crown with Claudette Faulk, junior elementary education major from Birmingham and Ann Lucas, senior mathematics and chemistry major from Searcy, serving as attendants.

The May Day program was narrated by John White, director of the Audio-Visual center. James H. Atkinson, dean of students, placed the crown on the head of the new queen.

After the regal ceremony came the traditional maypole winding on the north side of the lily

pool, with a representative of each women's social club winding a ribbon. All members of the Ju Go Ju club, which sponsors the annual event, participated in the program.

The Petit Jean queen was crowned in the auditorium with Student Association president Bob Jones placing the diadem. After the coronation, Joan Lyon, senior history and English major from Memphis and editor of the Petit Jean, presented the yearbook to the student body and dedicated it to Charles Pitner, chairman of the Department of Mathematics.

An interesting coincidence is the fact that the Academy section was also dedicated to a mathematics expert — in this case, Mrs. Kathryn Ritchie.

Following the dedication, Dick Mock, senior psychology major from Springfield, Mo., and business manager of the yearbook, introduced Petit Jean personalities and campus favorites. Books were distributed on the campus afterward.

## Ijams' Birthday Dinner Program

The program for the E. H. Ijams Appreciation Dinner on May 30 has been announced by W. B. West, Jr., dean, Harding College School of Bible and Religion in Memphis. The dinner, on the occasion of Ijams' 75th birthday will be in the Balinese Room of Claridge Hotel. Tickets are \$2.00 each, and reservations should reach L. Arnold Watson, Highland Street Church of Christ, 443 S. Highland St., Memphis, no later than May 28.

Robert Riggs will open the program by singing the Doxology, followed by the invocation by Dr. L. M. Graves. Eulogies will be given on various phases of Ijam's service to God and man. Clarence Dailey will tell about him "As a Man," his son, Dr. Hartley J. Ijams, will tell of him "As a Father," W. B. West, "As a Teacher," L. Arnold Watson, "As an Educational Director," Jim Bill McInteer, "As a Preacher," and President George S. Benson, "As a College Administrator."

The Harding Academy of Memphis Chorus, directed by Leon Sanderson, will present a musical interlude.



New Bison Editor

## Bison Top Paper In ACPA Contest

The Harding Bison captured the top-ranking General Excellence Award at the Arkansas College Publications Association meeting at Hot Springs early this month. The score was 3545 points out of a possible 4000.

Scoring is based on the rating of six issues of the paper of which three must be consecutive. In the Sweepstakes division which includes selected entries from any issues the Bison didn't fare so well, coming in third.

The Bison won first place in typography, second in advertising display and third in headlines. Individuals who placed in specific contests were Milo Hadwin, first in general sports column; Bob Privitt, second in cartoons; Jack Ford, third in photography; and Gary Aday, third in general column.

### Good National Rating

Before the ACPA meet, score sheets came back for the Bison from the Associated Collegiate Press, revealing a first-class rating. This is a coveted rating but not equal to the top "All American" class.

Newspapers in this contest are judged according to coverage of news, general content quality, front page and inside page make-up, headlines, typography and photography.

The association sends each member publication a newspaper guidebook which contains comments and suggestions for improving the newspaper. The guidebook gives in compact form an evaluation of each publication and a digest of standards and suggestions for all college papers.

At the Bison banquet, Neil Cope, Bison faculty advisor, announced that Virginia Leatherwood, this year's assistant would be next year's editor, and Jack Kinningham would be business manager.

## Students in Flood Experience Fright

Three Harding students narrowly escaped death May 7 when they encountered a flash flood in Harrison, Ark., while returning from a Circle K convention in Springfield, Mo.

Wayne Davis, Springdale, Ark., John Eshelman, Brewster, Wash., and Rick Hampton, Stuttgart, Ark., evacuated Davis' car when caught in the flood and fled to a nearby gas station.

When water covered the table tops on which they were standing, they succeeded in separate attempts to reach the station's roof. Previous efforts had failed.

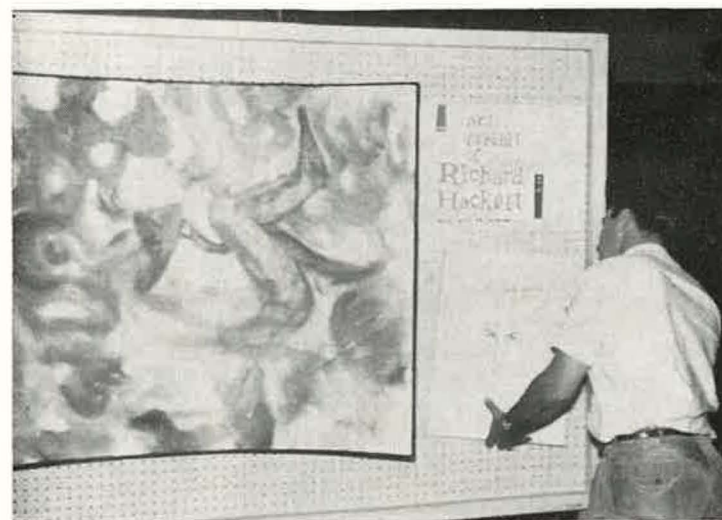
After shouting for help more than an hour, their cries were finally heard by a Harrison citizen who later identified himself as Dr. Dill. Guiding his motorboat through the rushing waters, he was able to reach and save them.

The rescued students reported that they saw a home across from their emergency perch crumble and float away. They had previously seen a man enter the house and had not seem him leave. Their own roof-top was beginning to give way when Dr. Dill rescued them.

Davis' car was thought to be damaged beyond repair, but was found later to be usable. \$200 worth of clothes were lost in the flood, but the other two men were able to salvage part of their clothing.

In the Searcy area, the Little Red River broke through a levee below Judsonia at 2 p.m. May 8, inundating 20,000 acres and destroying 310 acres of rice already planted and preventing planting of 18,000 acres of soybeans.

Flood Waters in Searcy



Richard Hackett setting up his Senior Art Exhibit in Beaumont Memorial Library. Large picture is concave painting, "New Dimension: Astronaut," which he believes to be an innovation in the art world.

## Don Berryhill Will Lead 61-62 Student Association

In one of the most active campaigns in the Student Association's history at Harding College, Don Berryhill, Searcy, won the presidency after the third runoff.

Berryhill is joined in campus leadership by Bob Alley, Oak Grove, Mo., at the vice presidential post, Geneva Combs, Bethany, Okla., as secretary and David Finley, Washington, D. C., as treasurer.

Berryhill is a physical education major, a member of the A Cappella Chorus and the Sub-T men's social club. He is also a member of the Belles and Beaux, choral group which entertained armed forces in the Far East during the Christmas holidays last year.

Don Berryhill



President of his freshman class and class favorite in his sophomore year, Don has been active in many phases of campus life. He is married to the former Ann Bixler of Moses Lake, Wash. After graduating from Harding Berryhill plans to teach at a new college to be established in Alabama.

Alley, a history major, is a member of the Student Study Group for Constitutional Government and of the Frater Sodalis social club. He is also a member of the School of American Studies, a studies group open only to business and history majors who maintain a cumulative "B" average.

Secretary Geneva Combs, a business major, is a member of the Ju Go Ju women's social club.

Finley, president of the Mohican men's social club, is a math major and active in debating circles.

Concerning plans for next year Berryhill stated: "The coming year can only be a success if each one gives unselfishly of himself. Though this has been said many times and seemingly run into the ground, it is true. Our goal is a truer realization of our purpose in being here.

"From this aim and this alone stem the many other goals and standards which we will attempt to reach. We can work together in representing Harding next year and build real school spirit. If we build together success is inevitable."

## Hackett's Senior Art Show Reveals New Techniques

Richard Hackett, senior art major from Pontiac, Mich., is now showing 40 samples of his art production in Beaumont Memorial Library. Hackett, a transfer from Freed-Hardeman where he met and married Vearl Jane Summers of Parkersburg, W. Va., received his first art training at Walled Lake, Mich., high school and returned to art at Harding.

His exhibit shows a mastery of many techniques — all guided by a high degree of inspiration. Techniques represented are oil, water color, pastel, pencil, encaustic, silk screen, lithograph, wood cut, ceramic, sculpture (relief and round) and mosaic.

One item was previously shown at the Mid-South Show in Memphis. This one, "Winter Sound," is an oil painting of one of the daily blackbird flights over Searcy in the winter time. Another

view of the same subject is also rendered in water color.

The most unique item is a concave painting in modern style, called "The Astronaut." Dick believes his concave painting is a new idea in art. At least he has never seen or heard of previous use of the technique. It is appropriate to the subject on this occasion because it gives the observer a bit of the feeling of the subject.

Another item of more than average interest is the relief panel illustrating the artist's impression of the Apostle Paul. In this vivid representation a foreshortened arm with its oversize hand depicts the great amount of activity in Paul's life.

The Hacketts are returning to Freed-Hardeman to teach next fall. He will head the Art Department during its director's leave of absence, and she will teach in the kindergarten.

## ACC Band Visits

The 78-piece Abilene Christian College Band presented a concert April 25 in the main auditorium at Harding. The group, under the direction of Douglas Fry and M. L. Daniels, travels to various colleges with its free concerts.

The main purpose of the trip to Harding, according to Fry, was to cement the fine relationship existing between Harding and ACC.

## Freshman Picked To Illustrate Book

Tom Watson, junior art major from Columbia, Mo., recently began a series of pen and ink illustrations for three children's Bible workbooks.

Ann Riley of Monticello, Ark., author of the series, **Living Bible Lessons**, asked Tom to do the illustrations after reviewing a number of sketches from Harding art students sent to her by Mrs. Perry Mason, head of the art department.

Among the other art projects Tom has recently engaged in were drawing and cutting the stencil of the bison which will appear on the new track uniforms. He has also been engaged to produce some illustrations for the 1960-61 Harding Student Handbook.



Mary and Lanny

## Academy Seniors To Finish May 27

Mary Ethel Bales, valedictorian, Lanny Casey, salutatorian, and 33 others will get their diplomas at Harding Academy on May 27. Lewis Green of Chester-ton, Ind., father of graduating student Anita Green, is the graduation speaker. Dr. J. D. Bales, father of the valedictorian delivered the baccalaureate sermon.

Eighty per cent of the class averaged "B" or better in grades. Through the years, nearly 90 per cent of Academy students have gone on to college, with more than half going to Harding.



Helen Howell



Georgie Claypool



# New Group of Big Sisters To Prevent Homesickness

## Anxious to Show Gratitude for Blessings Received When They Were Freshmen

The Big Sisters organization is again ready for action. Thirty seasoned students have been picked for this activity by dormitory directors Mrs. Inez Pickens, Mrs. Rose Kelley, Mrs. Madeline Hubbard and Mrs. Carl Traugher.

Something of a "Homesickness Anonymous" organization, Big Sisters was organized on the theory that the ones who can best prevent homesickness among freshmen girls are those who previously weathered the same storm with the help of others.

Big Sisters serve somewhat as "guardian angels" for their new charges and begin their activity immediately through correspondence. Before the beginning of the new school year they are on hand early to meet their "pen pals" as they arrive, and continue to make them feel as much at home as possible throughout the school year.

Serving in this capacity is a coveted position. Applicants far exceed needs because so many remember the help they received and want to do the same for others. Choosing them is a difficult task, with many well-qualified left disappointed.

Choices are made on interest shown in other people, helpfulness, ability to get along well

with others, consistently good grades, attitudes, habits, and willingness to accept responsibility.

Those selected are: Gaylon Bach, Forrest, Ill.; Pat Biggers, Muncie, Ind.; Tara Chapman, Swifton, Ark.; Ruth Ann Collins, Omaha, Ark.; Martha Doak, Marietta, Ohio; Edna Dorris, Potts Camp, Miss.; Sonja English, Mena, Ark.; Gayla Hodge, Lubbock, Tex.; Florence Klemm, Denver, Col.

Linda Linderman, West Plains, Mo.; Camille McNeill, Happy, Tex.; Betty Mays, Walnut Ridge, Ark.; Janie Miller, Little Rock, Ark.; Sheila Mitchell, Cullman, Ala.; Peggy Niemeyer, Little Rock, Ark.; Paula Norton, Texarkana, Ark.

Others include: Sharon Phillips, Camden, Ark.; Faye Pursell, Midland, Mich.; Dawn Robinson, Bastrop, La.

Sharon Scott, Eugene, Mo.; Gracie Seegren, Tulsa, Okla.; Joy Simon, Milton, Fla.; Barbara Simpson, Kansas City, Kan.; Anita Southard, Melbourne, Ark.; Lucrecia Stein, Dayton, Ohio; Mailand Stevens, McComb, Miss.; Sandra Stell, Springfield, Ark.; Sandra Tollett, Nashville, Ark.; Gloria Tyner, Memphis, Tenn.; and Bobbie Willingham, Doddsville, Miss.

# Paula Sees Future Above the Clouds

The "call of the wild blue yonder" has been heard and answered by Paula Jean Woods, Harding sophomore from Shreveport, La. Paula enters Delta Airlines Training School, Atlanta, Ga., next October for five weeks training, a preliminary requirement for airline stewardesses.

Paula and her sister, Becky, 14 are the only members of the Woods' family to use flying as a regular means of transportation. Unlike their two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Woods have no enthusiastic aspirations about airplanes. Mrs. Woods, not totally favorable to the idea of Paula's becoming a stewardess, agreed only when she realized the extent of her daughter's determination.

Paula will not be assured of a job until she has completed training school. Only applicants making 100 per cent on all safety courses are admitted as stewardesses. If accepted, Paula's first route will be from Memphis to New Orleans, with the routes subject to change. Actual time spent in the air does not exceed 30 hours a week.

Stewardesses working for Delta Airlines receive approximately \$350 a month. Free travel privileges are granted after six months of service and after one year of service she gets a two weeks paid vacation with free transportation facilities.

The life of an airline stewardess is exciting but retirement comes at an early age. Paula will



Paula Woods

have only six years to fulfill her goal which is to become stewardess on a jet. "After my airlines career is over," Paula said, "I think I'll go home and open up a flower shop, unless I get married, that is." Then as an afterthought she added, "I still might have to open up a flower shop."

Another Harding co-ed has already qualified to train as an airline stewardess. Jackie Anguish ('59) of Cleveland, O., is now attending the United Air Lines school for stewardesses at Cheyenne, Wyoming.

## CHECK ADDRESS

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LINE-UP: The new Petit Jean yearbook was released on May 16. This is only one of several lines of students anxious to get their first look. Contents and format of the book, as well as personalities it honors are well-kept secrets in spite of the fact that much of the secret information is known by several people.

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